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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

A. VERMA *et al.*

Appl. No. 10/578,438

§371 Date: 21 March 2007

For: **Activation of Hypoxia-Inducible Gene  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This communication is being submitted in response to the Final Office Action of 9 September 2009. Applicants do not believe that any extensions of time are necessary to maintain the pendency of this application beyond what may be submitted herewith. If, however, any additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required, including fees for net addition of claims, are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 6.